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- 50. Motor Vehicle Retailing Trade Ind. ped)
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- 52. Ship & Boat Bldg. & Repairing Ind.
- 53. Wholesaling or Distributing Trade

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THE GRAY IRON FOUNDRY INDUSTRY

Foreword

Comprehensive data on the Gray Iron Foundry Industry are lacking from government or private sources. With the exception of certain production data taken from Census Bureau reports, and monthly labor data for 1933 and 1934 collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the statistics in this report are compiled from scattered sample studies made during the past decade. Unless otherwise specified, these samples include only foundries covered by the Code, that is, foundries producing gray iron castings for sale.

The lack of Code Authority material is explained by the following letter to the NRA from the late Code Authority.

"You will recall that some of the information that you requested in regard to the Gray Iron Foundry Industry had to be procured inasmuch as it was not available in the Code Authority statistical records. Unfortunately this information was not sent in, because the members of whom it was requested felt that the Supreme Court decision made it unnecessary for them to furnish the information.

"In addition to the above obstacle, the other statistics that you requested us to compile were sent by the members of the Industry to the Code Authority. The Code Authority is now taking steps to return this information to each and every member of the Industry; as a result, it does not seem proper for us now to make any use of these statistics other than to see that the reports are returned to those furnishing the statistics."

The scarcity of appropriate data accounts for the omission of the sections dealing with Trade Practices (Chapter V) and General Information (Chapter VI).

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Definition of the Industry

The Gray Iron Foundry Industry as defined in the Code, which was approved February 10, 1934, means and includes

"the business of producing and selling in the open market ferrous or ferrous base castings other than steel or malleable iron castings, whether cast in sand or other type of mould, and commonly known as gray iron castings and sold in competition with similar gray iron castings either with or without any subsequent processing thereon performed by the producer; provided, however, that such term shall not include said castings when produced by a manufacturer in another Industry (including any affiliated or parent company of such manufacturer) (1) as part of his own products in such other Industry (including finished and semi-finished parts therefor) or (2) as materials for servicing products of such other Industry (including finished and semi-finished parts therefor) when such servicing materials are distributed by such manufacturer to the user of products of such other Industry either directly or through such manufacturer's usual distribution channels. "

Number of Plants

While substantiating data are not readily available as to the number of plants in the Industry, a verbal remark of the former Executive Vice-President of the Industry's Code Authority, Mr. H. W. Halsted, Jr., indicated that there are today approximately 1,850 plants coming within the scope of the Industry as defined in the Gray Iron Foundry Code.

Geographical Distribution

The geographical distribution, by districts, of 1,437 of these plants, is presented in Table I.

According to this table, foundries producing gray iron castings for sale are not confined to a specific area, but are located in all states. Based both on tonnage and the number of reporting plants, the concentration of the Industry appears greatest in the districts adjacent to the Great Lakes and in the New England States.

Capital Investment

Although complete data on the amount of capital invested are not available, the Gray Iron Institute estimated that capital investment



for the year 1933 amounted to approximately \$243,500,000.

Failures

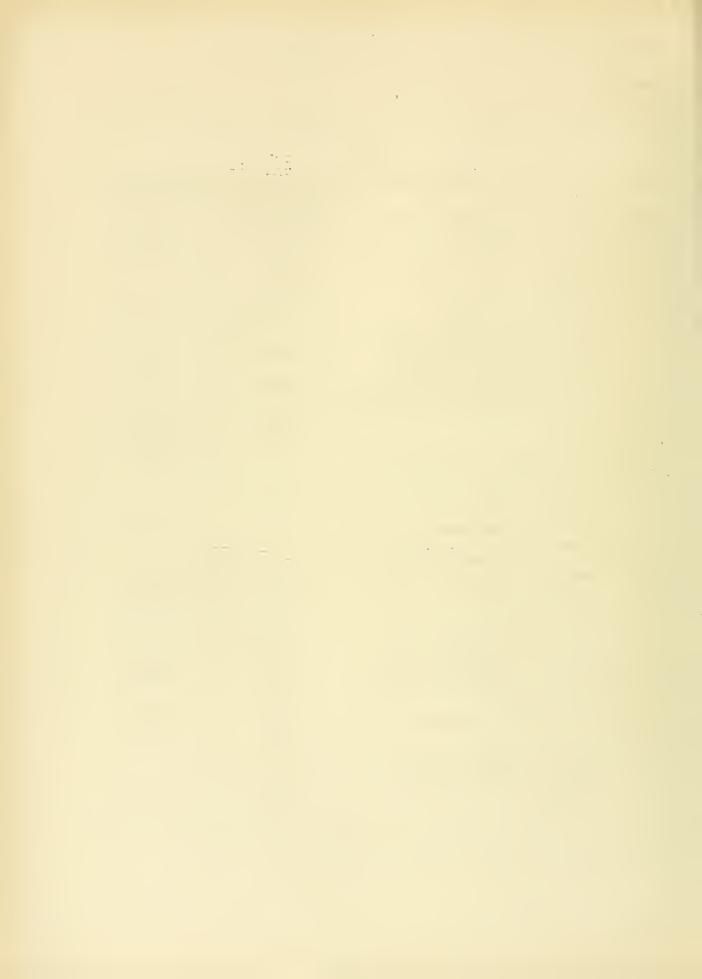
According to Dun and Bradstreet's report on insolvencies for 1934, only one failure occurred in the Industry during that year.

TABLE I

Mumber and Tonnage of Plants, by Districts, 1933

Dis	trict and District Number	Number of Plants Reporting	Tonnage
	Total, All Districts	1,437	783,345
1-A	- Washington, Oregon, Idaho,		
	lontana	74	9,634
I-B	- California, Utah, Arizona, Nevada	76	28,861
2	- Linnesota, North Dakota, South	, 0	20,001
	Dakota, Wyoming, Wisconsin	119	44,042
3	- Colorado, New Lexico, Kansas,		
	Missouri, Southern Illinois	81	38,590
4	- Iowa, Northern Illinois, Northern		3.50.054
=	Indiana, Nebraska	119	120,026
5 6	- Michigan - Morthern Ohio	9 1 94	109,866 78,261
7	- Southern Indiana, Southern Ohio,	J4	10,201
•	Kentucky	124	65,181
8	- Western Pennsylvania, West	-~-	,
	Virginia, Garrett and Allegheny		
	Counties in Maryland	89	31,385
9	- Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern		
	New Jersey, Delaware, D. C.,		
	Maryland, except Garrett and Allegheny Counties	84	45,618
C	- Western New York, Erie County	04	45,010
_	in Pennsylvania	52	32,273
1	- Massachusetts, Rhode Island,	~	-10,701-
	Maine. New Hampshire, Vermont	117	44,059
S	- Connecticut, Eastern New York	56	34,077
3	- Northern New Jersey, Northeastern		
4	Pennsylvania	48	50,010
±	- Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana	89	15,308
5	- Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee,	0,5	10,000
	Georgia, Florida, North		
	Carolina, South Carolina,		
	Virginia	124	36,154

Source: Gray Iron Foundry Industry Code Authority.



Production

The value and volume of gray iron castings produced for sale, as reported by the Bureau of the Census, and presented in Table II, indicate a decline of 72 per cent in value and 67 per cent in volume from 1929 to 1933.

TABLE II

Production of Gray Iron Castings a/

Year	Tonnage (thousands)	Value (millions)
1929 1931 1933	5,080 2,390 1,653	\$375.5 174.2 107.0

Source: Census of Manufactures, as reported in "Foundry and Machine Shop Products." Establishments whose annual production is less than \$5,000 are excluded.

<u>a/</u> Data reported by the Census are for manufacturers! sales.

Hew and unfilled orders, production, and receipts and stocks of materials are shown in Table III, from 1929 through July, 1933, when the reports were discontinued. From this table it can be seen that the Gray Iron Foundry Industry shared in the boom of 1933, nearly reaching the production level of 1930.

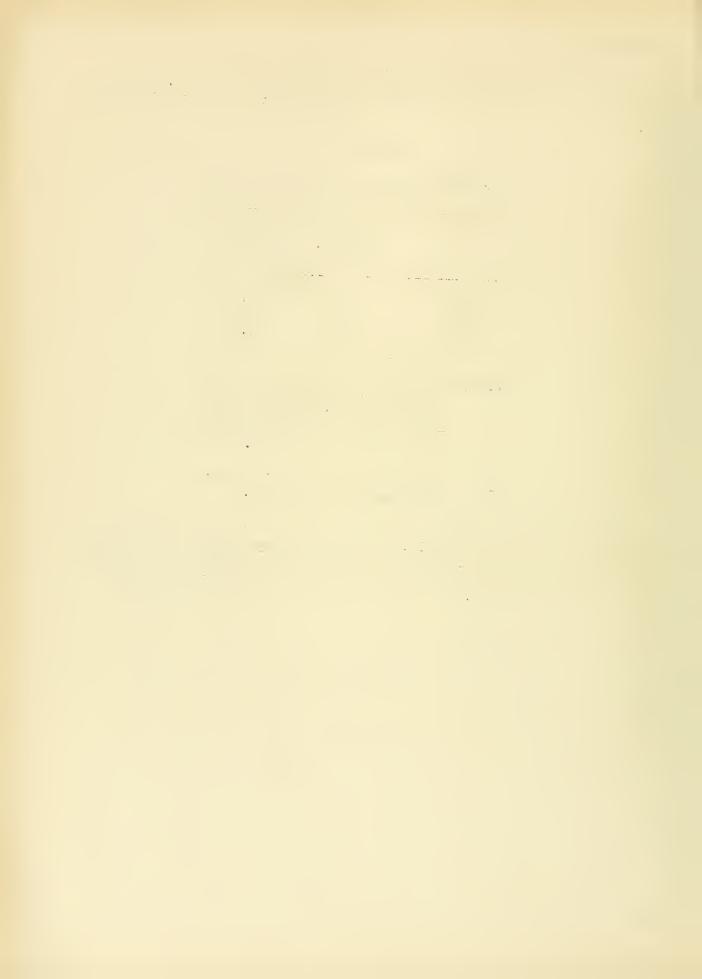


TABLE III

Orders, Production, and Materials in the Gray Iron Foundry Industry, 1929-July, 1933 (Monthly average, tons per foundry)

		Orders	Produc-	Laterials			
Year and Month	l.ew	Unfilled End of Lonth	tion	Receipts	Stocks		
1929	222	203	262	281	360		
1930	133	96	152	166	294		
1931	92	70	103	120	246		
1932	62	52	69	86	242		
1933							
January	61	49	62	67	210		
February	64	49	69	90	236		
March	59	47	65	86	246		
April	75	51	68	103	236		
May	108	65	99	145	254		
June	143	83	122	169	363		
July	162	103	141	206	359		

Source: Reports of the Gray Iron Institute, Incorporated, to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Utilized Productive Capacity

The capacity figures in Table IV indicate a wide variation in size of plant and per cent of utilization. Average plant capacity ranges from 665 tons in the Midwest to only 65 tons in the Pacific Northwest. Utilization varies from 63 per cent in the Central Northwest to 29 per cent in the Pacific Northwest.

Although the per cent of utilized productive capacity in certain districts is greater than in others, it is impossible to draw accurate conclusions about the relative efficiency of the various plants located in these districts. Allowance must be made for many factors, the most important being the variation in the nature of the product turned out by the individual plant.



TABLE IV

Per Cent.of Productive Capacity Utilized
July 1925 - June 1927

	Monthly Avera	Monthly Average Per Plant						
Districts		Production (Short Tons)	Capacity Utilized					
D12011C02	(Short Tolls)	(51101 0 10113)	001.1200					
U. S. Average	498	215	43					
New England	360	175	50					
Central Atlantic	360	165	48					
Hidwestern	665	270	42					
Southeastern	110	45	32					
Central Horthwestern	360	225	63					
Western Mia-Continent	355	120	30					
Gulf Southwestern	230	90	35					
Pacific Northwestern	65	30	29					
Pacific Southwestern	250	95	42					
Unidentified	540	245	45					

Source: Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, "Survey of Gray Iron Foundries" (1929). Data for Class 2 (production for sale)

plants in Figures 7, 8, and 19 of this survey.

Note: Except for the U. S. average, all figures are numerical interpretations of bar charts. The production and capacity data are not based on identical plants, the number varying from 146 to 152 and hence do not agree exactly with the utilization of capacity percentages.

a/ Mattimum, or 100 per cent capacity.

Competing Products

The chief products which compete with gray iron castings are malleable iron castings, steel castings, non-ferrous castings, forgings, stampings, pressed steel products, and welded steel products.

Production of Individual Types of Castings

As indicated by Table V, the industries consuming gray iron castings are numerous. This table, based on a survey covering 142 to 158 gray iron "jobbing" foundries of the 4,009 on Penton's Foundry List in 1927, shows the distribution by districts of plants producing individual types of gray iron castings for sale. Tonnage figures for the individual types are not available. According to this survey, an average of 6.1 different types of castings were made in the foundries producing for sale.



TABLE V

Distribution by Geographical Districts, of Foundries Manufacturing Specific Types of Gray Iron Castings for Sale, 1925-1927

							Di	str	ict	S		
Type of Casting	New England.	Central Atlantic	Midwest	Southeast	Central Northwest	West Mid-continent	Gulf Southwest	Pacific Northwest	Pacific Southwest	Unidentified	Total United States	
<u>Light</u>												
Agricultural	2	1	18	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	25	
Automotive	3	5	29		1	_	1	-	1	1	41	
Boiler	2	8	18	1	4	1	-	2	-	-	36	
Builders! hardware	2	2	13		1		1	-		1	20	
Electrical appliance	4	2	16	-	2		1	-	-	-	25	
Electrical motor	2	4	16	-	1	-	1	-		-	24	
Furniture (including												
school, church, audi-												
torium, and barber-chair	7	7	7.0								3.0	
castings)	1	1	10	-		-	-	-	-	-	12	
Hot-water Heater	9	4 21	13 45	2	2	2	2	1 3	1	_	18 87	
Light machinery Meter (gas, electric,	9	21	40	2	2	2	2	3	Τ	-	07	
water)	2	1	8		1						12	
Ornamental	3	8	13	1	1		2	2	_		30	
Plumbing and steam	Ü	J	10			_	2	2		_	00	
fitting	2	3	7	_	1	1	_		_	_	14	
Pump:	~	Ŭ	,			_						
(a) Gas and oil	2		11		1						14	
(b) Steam and water	3	5	'7	-	2	_		_	-	-	17	
Radiator	1	1	4	-		-	_		_	1	7	
Refrigerator	2	1	12	-	_	-	1	1	1	-	18	

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TABLE V (Cont'd)

					Dist	rict	s				
Type of Casting	New England	Central Atlantic	Midwest	Southeast	Central Northwest	West Mid-continent	Gulf Southwest	Pacific Northwest	Pacific Southwest	Unidentified	Total United States
<u>Light</u> (Cont'd)											
Sanitary Scales (cash register, adding machine, type-	1	4	5	F	2	-	-	-		-	12
writer, vending machine)	2	2	9 16		-	-	-	-	-	←	13
Stove plate Street equipment (lamp- posts, manhole covers, curbs, sewer openings,	-	74	16	-	1	-		↔	****	-	21
markers, etc.) Toy Warm-air furnace	3 2 1	10 1 2	27 6 10	1 - 1	4 - 2	2	2	2 - 1	1 -	-	52 9 17
Washing and ironing machine Miscellaneous light	1 7	7 24	14 43	1 6	1	- 2	1	1	- 2	-	26 92



TABLE V (Cont'd)

					D	istr	icts				
Type of Casting	New England	Central Atlantic	Midwest	Southeast	Central Northwest	West Mid-continent	Gulf Southwest	Pacific Northwest	Pacific Southwest	Unidentified	Total United States
<u> Feavy</u>											
Car Wheels Engines (gas, steam, oil) Electrical machinery	- 2	1 3 2	1 13 9		- 3 1	1 1 -	1 -	1	_ 1 _	- 2 1	4 29 15
Heat-treating equipment (furnaces, pots, etc.) Heavy stamping presses Machine tools Material-handling machinery Mining machinery	1 - 2 1	7 36 5 3 2	6 7 24 9 4		1 - 1 3 2	- 1 1 - 1	- - - - 1	- - 1	- 1 -	1 1 2 1	16 12 37 20 12
Paper-mill machinery Plate-glass machinery Road-making machinery Printing machinery Soil Pipe	2	22432	9 - 14 11 1	-	1	- - - 1.	1 1 1 1	- 1 -		-	13 2 12 14 4
Sugar-mill machinery Textile machinery Miscellaneous heavy	1 3 -	3 7	3 4 3	- 1 1	2 - 1	1	- 1	- - 1		-	9 11 14

Source: Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, "Survey of Gray Iron Foundries," (1929). Class 2 foundries, p. 52.

Note: The total number of foundries covered by this survey ranges from 142 to 156, but duplication resulting from the fact that foundries produce castings for more than one industry raises the apparent total to 366.



Chapter II

LABOR STATISTICS

Employment

Reliable figures showing the total number of workers employed in the Gray Iron Foundry Industry are not available. However, figures on total employment contained in the Letter of Transmittal to the President and published in the Industry's approved Code indicate that employment decreased from 99,500 in 1929 to 46,200 during the first quarter of 1933.

Employment in 1934 was about 23 per cent greater than the 1933 average, according to data compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for NRA. (See Table VII)

Annual Wages

The total wage bill for gray iron foundries is not available, but sample data on annual wages have been obtained by the Bureau of the Census. Data for 30 Southern and 30 Northern foundries producing for sale, are summarized in Table VI.

TABLE VI

Employment and Annual Wages in North and South, 1929 - 1931

Item	Nort	h	South		
	1929	1931	1929	1931	
Number of Plants	30	30	30	30	
Number of Wage Earners	2,752	1,815	1,679	1,241	
Average Annual Wages	\$1,469	\$1,145	\$1,027	\$ 820	

Source: Bureau of the Census, Special Tabulation for the Gray Iron Institute, Incorporated.

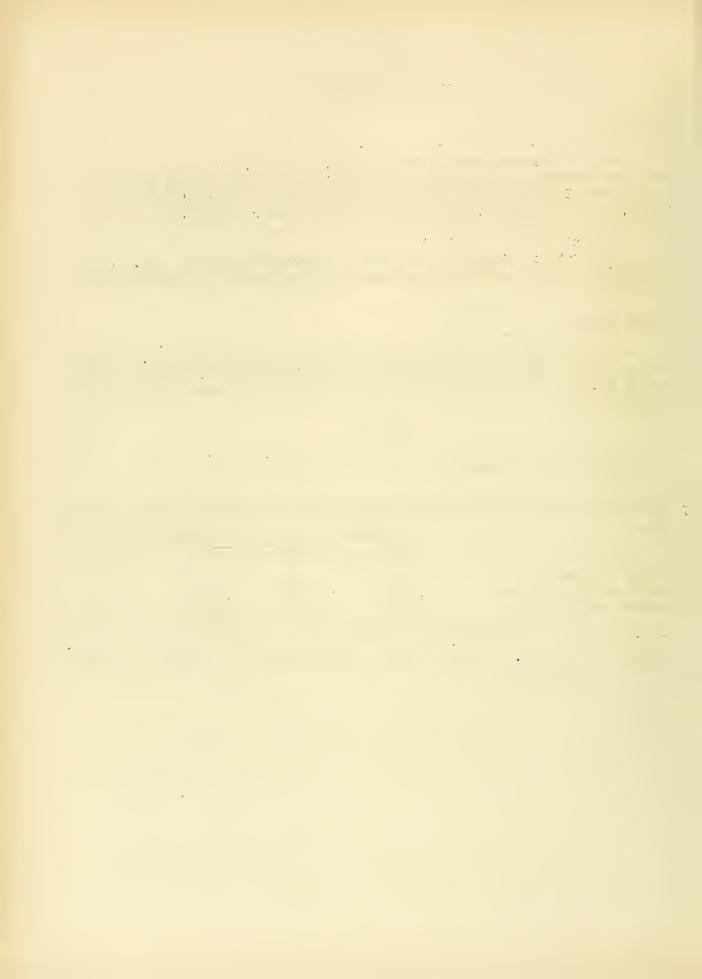


TABLE VII

Factory Employment, Payrolls, Hours and Wages, 1933 - 1934a/

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Tages Average Average (Dollars)	14.07 13.14 18.05 16.33 16.33 17.66 16.80	15.43 16.65 17.99 18.56 17.36 17.36 17.36 18.27	03 00
Average Hourlye/	72		56.1
Average Hours Worked Per Weeke	25.02 26.03 26.03 26.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03 21.03	30 33 33 33 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 3	33.7
Man-Hours <u>d/</u>	74.5 76.6 60.0 71.7 112.2 122.3 123.3 111.3	100. 127.3 127.3 127.3 127.3 127.3 127.3 127.3	136.4 129.5
1933 <u>100</u> Payrolls <u>c</u> /	76.9 66.8 66.3 78.5 100.6 114.4 120.0 125.1	100.0 117.7 148.3 158.8 158.8 137.8 131.7	150.9
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Monthb/	1933 Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.	Average 1934 Feb. War. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct.	Dec. Average

TABLE VII (Cont'd)

Unpublished data secured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the Division of Research and Planning, NRA. Source:

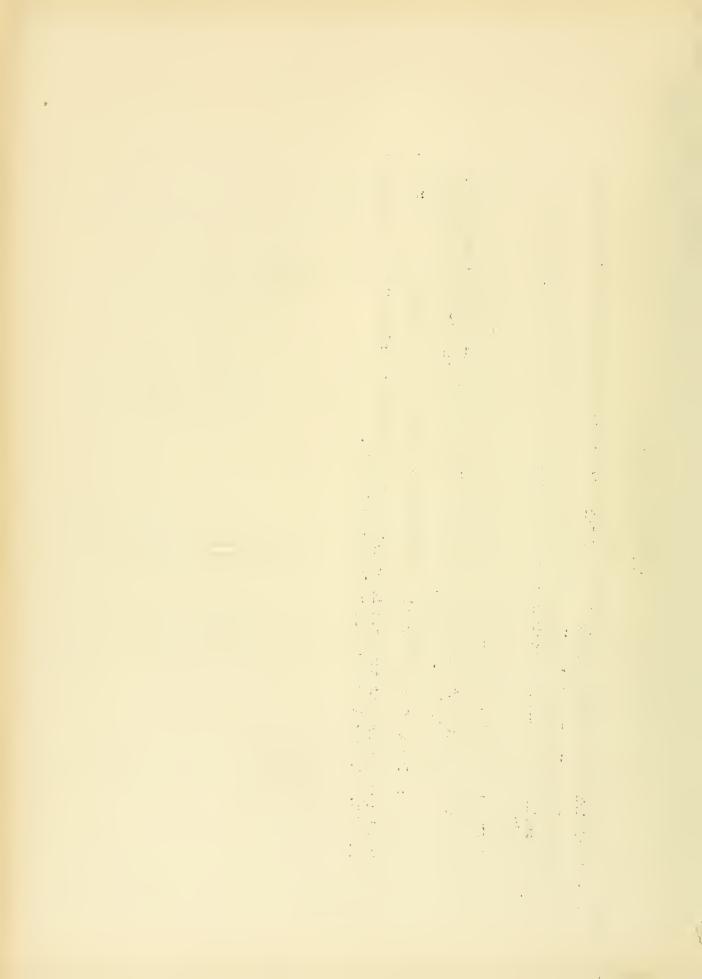
Reporting establishments considered to be almost completely covered by the Gray Iron Foundry Code. a

Figures reported were for the payroll period nearest the 15th of the month. 1

Based upon a representative sample covering an average of 183 establishments and nearly 10,000 employees in 1933. The sample was much larger in 1934 than in 1933. 0

Index of employment times average hours worked per week reduced to 1933 = 100. Computea: वे/

Based upon a representative sample covering 128 establishments and nearly 6,000 employees in 1933. The sample was considerably larger in 1934. (e



Labor Cost

Wages in the North were 45 per cent of the value of product, and in the South 33 per cent, in 1931, according to the aforementioned Census survey. It must be remembered, however, that differences in the nature of the product (large rough vs. small finished castings) may be an important cause of this differential. (See Table VIII).

TABLE VIII

Per Cent which Labor and Material Cost are of Total Value of Product, 1929-1931 (In per cent)

Item .	<u>North</u> 1929 1931			1931
Labor to Value of Product	44.2	45.6	29.0	32.9
Material Costs to Value of Product	27.4	30.6	35.4	35.2

Source: Bureau of the Census, Special Tabulation for the Gray Iron Institute, Incorporated.

Hourly and Weekly Wages

Data presented in Table VII show an increase in hourly wage rates from 49.1 cents in 1933 to 54.5 cents in 1934; average weekly wages increased from \$15.43 in 1933 to \$18.05 in 1934.

Earlier wage figures for the Gray Iron Foundry Industry are available only for four months during 1930 and 1931. (See Table IX). The extent of the sex differential is indicated by the fact that rates for women coremakers (a skilled occupation) are less than for male common laborers.

TABLE IX

Wage Rates for Selected Occupations in Gray Iron Toundries, 1950 and 1931 (Cents per hour)

Occupation	February	August	February	October
	1930	1930	1931	1931
Molders: Bench Floor Loan Machine	81.14 83.0 78.0 74.6	79.0 54.1 71.1 70.9 on next pag	75•3 81•9 76•2 66•6	76.2 83.3 66.1 64.2



TABLE IX (Cont'd)

Occupation	February 1930	August 1930	February 1931	October 1931
Coremakers: Nen Women	73•7 43•9	71.4 42.7	70.8 41.9	69.2 42.1
Patternmakers: Wood Metal	82 . 9 72 . 9	54.7 76.7	76.4 72.6	75•2 63.0
Chippers	53•3	52.6	51.9	51.1
Common laborers	48.4	47.1	47.4	45.7

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Monthly Labor Review, December, 1931, page 197.

Minimum wages paid to common labor in the first quarter of 1933 averaged approximately 20 cents per hour in the South and 30 cents in the North, as shown in Table X.

TABLE X

Minimum Hourly Wage Rates for Common Labor,
First Quarter, 1933

Region	Number of Plants	Number of Employees	Average Minimum Rate (cents)
United States	823	23,994	30.1
North	731	22,627	30.7
South	92	1,367	19.5

Source: Penton Publishing Company, Special Questionnaire.

Averages computed by NRA, Research and Planning Division.

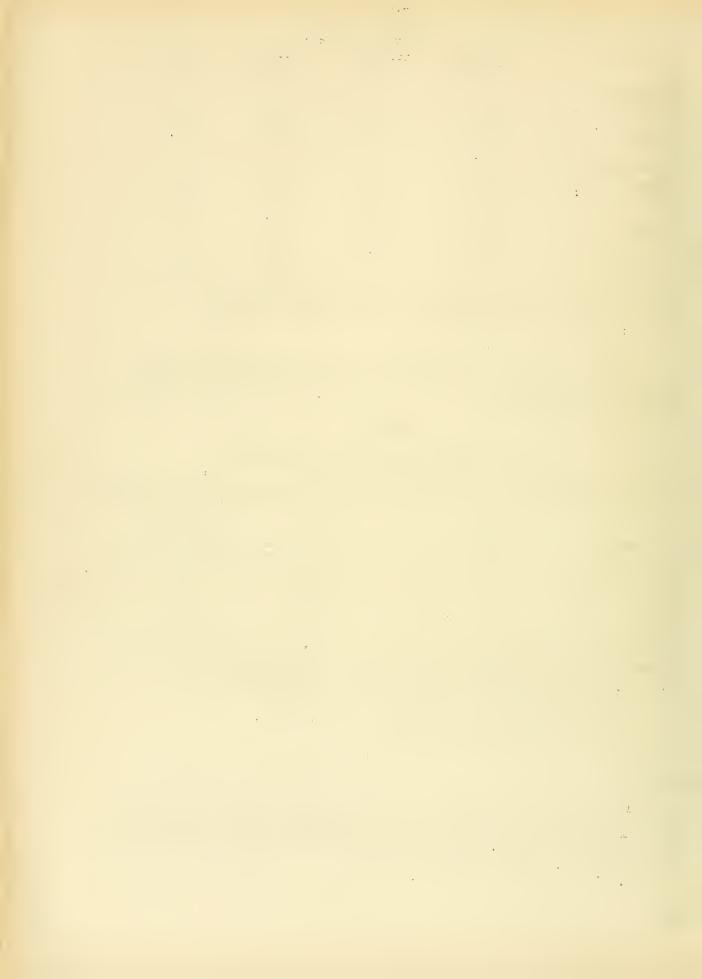
See report of this Division by F. C. Reich,

"Gray Iron Foundry Industry,"

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Hours

Average weekly hours worked in the Industry showed a marked decline during the depression. While the number of hours per week exceeded 50 prior to 1930, average weekly hours, as shown above in Table VII, decreased to 30.9 in 1933, and rose to 32.9 in 1934.



Chapter III

MATERIALS AND MACHINERY

Machinery

Holding machines, sand blast machines, tumbling barrels and other foundry machinery used in all types of foundries are manufactured chiefly in the mid-western states. The total value of this machinery, according to the Bureau of the Census, declined nearly 82 per cent in 1933 from 1929. (See Table XI).

TABLE XI

Value of Selected Foundry Equipment
(In thousands)

	1929	1931	1933
Total	\$10,639	\$3,338	\$1,957
Molding Hachines Sand Blasting Machines Other Types	3,752 1,476 5,411	948 <u>2</u> / 2,390	1,051 <u>a/</u> 906

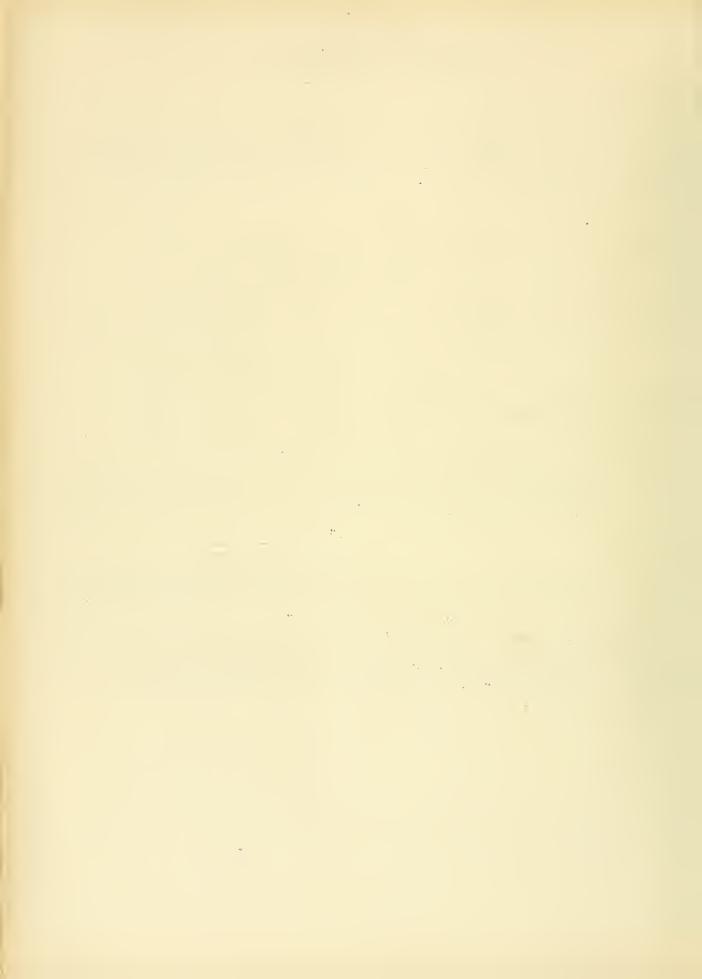
Source: Census of Manufactures. "Machinery, not including transportation equipment."

a/ Included in "Other Types."

Materials

The principal materials used in the manufacture of gray iron castings are pig iron and scrap, which are obtained, respectively, from iron smalters and scrap dealers located in various states.

According to data contained in Table VIII, the cost of materials amounts to approximately 35 per cent of the value of the products manufactured in southern foundries, and 30 per cent in northern foundries.



Chapter IV

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Adequate information concerning the distribution of gray iron foundry products is not available. Hence this chapter must be limited to data indicating production (manufacturers' sales), by states, and the value of emports.

Sales

Sales of gray iron castings presented in Table XII refer to castings sold as such by establishments classified by the Bureau of the Census in the "Foundry and Machine Shop Products" Industry and by those in all other industries which reported the sale of castings.

According to these data approximately 60 per cent of total 1931 manufacturers: sales were made by plants in Illinois, michigan, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

TABLE XII

Manufacturers' Sales, by States
of Production, 1929 - 1931
(In thousands)

	1929		1931		
	Tonnage	Value	Tonnage	Value	
U. S. Total	5,080	\$375,508	2,390	\$174,197	
California	149	12,257	72	5,545	
Illinois	504	36,073	212	- 13,898	
Indiana	234	20,779	114	8,542	
liassachusetts	132	14,173	84	7,966	
Michigan	769	63,270	445	46,150	
Missouri	123	8,741	53	3,200	
New Jersey	156	15,321	99	8,039	
New York	347	27,736	149	11,417	
Ohio	739	59,502	240	18,132	
Pennsylvania	824	41,779	377	18,539	
Wisconsin	106	11,642	46	4,392	
Total 11 States	4,083	311,273	1,891	145,820	
38 Other States	997	64,235	499	28,377	

Source: Census of Manufactures. "Foundry and Machine Shop Products."
Establishments whose annual production is less than \$5,000 are excluded.

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Exports

As indicated in Table XIII, gray iron castings are exported principally to Canada and Mexico. Of the total value exported in 1935, slightly more than 77 per cent was shipped to these countries.

Total 1934 exports, which increased over 1933, were 56 per cent less than 1928.

TABLE XIII

Value of Exports, 1928 - 1934

(In thousands)

Exports	1928	1931	1933	1934	
Total	\$1,518	\$689	\$422	\$667	
Canada Merrico	906 43	493 20	283 43	<u>a/</u> <u>a</u> /	
Other Countries	569	176	96	<u>a</u> /	

Source: Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Foreign Commerce and Mavigation of the United States.

a/ No information available.







